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## APPLICATION

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Honorable James H. Welsh  
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Louisiana Office of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
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RE: 6400' Sand, Reservoir A  
South Grand Cheniere Field  
Cameron Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **BALLARD EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the 6,400' Sand, Reservoir A, in the South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated the 6400 RA SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

3. To designate the Ballard Exploration Co. - Theriot Heirs No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;
4. To designate Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the 6,400' Sand, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the 6,400' Sand, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The 6,400' Sand in the South Grand Cheniere Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 6399 feet and 6630 feet, electric log measurements, in the Ballard Exploration Co. - Theriot Heirs No. 1 Well, located in Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., **WILL NOT BE HELD**, as it was not requested within the delays provided for by the Rules of Procedure; therefore, no opposition to this Application at the hearing is anticipated.

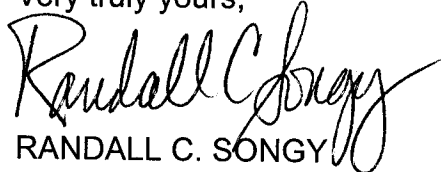
Please note that the proposed unit is slightly larger than the proposed unit attached to the September 24, 2002 Pre-Application Notice. The only difference is that the eastern boundary of the proposed unit is slightly farther to the east than the eastern boundary of the unit attached to the Pre-Application Notice, adding approximately 5 acres to the proposed unit. If any party at interest desires a conference to discuss this minor revision AND requests such a conference on or before October 21, 2002, the applicant will hold a conference to discuss same.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 , (337)232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
RANDALL C. SONGY

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and  
Represented Parties

